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Applicant(s): Rabbani et al.

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CONSTRUCT

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
(IN RESPONSE TO THE JULY 15, 2004 OFFICE ACTION)

Dear Sirs:

This is a response to the Office Action issued on July 15, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. This response is accompanied by a Petition to Extend Time.